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### **On Your Mark, Get Set, READ!** **Summer Reading at the Library**

**Kerrville, Texas (May 16, 2016)** – Summer is right around the corner and the Butt-Holdsworth Memorial Library is ready to celebrate with its annual Summer Reading Club.

The themes this year are “On Your Mark, Get Set, Read” for non-readers and young readers, “Get in the Game: Read” for ages 12 and up, and “Exercise Your Mind – Read” for adults.

Registration starts on Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, at the Library and concludes on Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. Participants who choose to register online can email [vanessa.skowbo@kerrvilletx.gov](mailto:vanessa.skowbo@kerrvilletx.gov) and should include their name, age, school name, phone number, and city of residence.

Reading Logs may be picked up at the Library or downloaded and printed from the Library’s website at [www.bhmlibrary.org](http://www.bhmlibrary.org). Participants can choose to read books, eBooks, or listen to Books on CD or eAudiobooks to earn their hours toward a certificate and an award.

The Library’s eBook collection is available at <http://bhml.axis360.baker-taylor.com>. For information on downloading eBooks, please call (830) 258-1274.

The Friends of the Butt-Holdsworth Memorial Library and James Avery have provided the funding for the Summer Reading Club. Activities include child and teen friendly professional programs at the Cailloux Theater, family movies, craft sessions and Lego programs.

Three new programs will also be introduced this summer for children. “Movement & Play” is for ages 3-6. Kids will learn through play, pretend, activities and songs. This program will be held on June 13<sup>th</sup>, June 27<sup>th</sup>, July 11<sup>th</sup>, and July 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

Preschool Story Time will be held on June 6<sup>th</sup>, June 20<sup>th</sup>, and July 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

“Calm & Color” will be held every Monday in June and July, except July 4<sup>th</sup>, at 11 a.m. All programs are free of charge and a library card is not required to participate in the club.

Additionally this summer, professional children’s performers will offer entertaining and educational programs. All of these performances are free and open to family groups, organized groups, and daycares.

Performers this summer include Lucas Miller, the Singing Zoologist, on June 8<sup>th</sup>, followed by Storybook Theater on June 15<sup>th</sup>, Dinosaur George on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, and Mr. Puppet makes his return to Kerrville on June 29<sup>th</sup>. On July 6<sup>th</sup>, the Library welcomes comedy magician John O’Bryant. Bonzo Crunch will visit on July 13<sup>th</sup> and finally Critterman and his wild animals will wrap up the summer performances on July 20<sup>th</sup>. All shows will be held at 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. at the Cailloux Theater and will run approximately 45 minutes long.

Craft sessions will be held on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. and are open to family groups only. The craft sessions scheduled for June include “Decorate Plush Dogs” on

June 9<sup>th</sup>, “Fuse Bead Creations” on June 16<sup>th</sup>, “Decorate a Bird House” on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, and “Beading” on June 30<sup>th</sup>. July crafts sessions include “Decorating Hats” on July 7<sup>th</sup>, “Decorate a Shield” on July 14<sup>th</sup>, “Wooden Snakes” on July 21<sup>st</sup>, and “Shirt Stencils” on July 28<sup>th</sup> (please bring your own shirt).

On July 27<sup>th</sup>, children and teens are invited to participate in a special Fun & Games Event from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. Registration is required for each craft and may be made by calling the Reference Desk at (830) 258-1274 the Monday before each craft event.

The Library is also excited to host the Humane Society of Kerrville for a fourth year of ‘Read to a Therapy Dog.’ This event will be held every Thursday in June at 10:00 a.m. Registration and a signed permission slip are required prior to participation in this event.

The popular Lego Club will also be gearing up to build again this summer. Lego Club activities will be held every Tuesday in June and July at 1:30 p.m. These sessions are open to family groups only. Daycare Groups who have registered their participants with the Summer Reading Club may call and schedule a Lego session at the Library.

Additionally, Family Movie afternoons will be held after Lego Club on June 7<sup>th</sup>, June 14<sup>th</sup>, June 28<sup>th</sup>, July 5<sup>th</sup>, July 12<sup>th</sup>, and July 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

The final event of the 2016 Summer Reading Club will be the Awards Pizza Party held at the Library on August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

The library asks that only members of family groups who have read at least 6 hours attend this event. Children and teens are encouraged to read at least 6 hours for a certificate

or 30 hours for a certificate and an award. Reading Certificates are available on request for Day Care Group participants who have read 6 hours or more.

For further information about the Summer Reading Club, please contact Vanessa Skowbo at (830) 258-1267 or email [vanessa.skowbo@kerrvilletx.gov](mailto:vanessa.skowbo@kerrvilletx.gov). The Summer Reading Club schedule and program details, including movie titles and dates, are also available at the library's web site <http://www.bhmlibrary.org>. For additional information contact the Reference Desk at (830) 258-1274 or visit the city's website at [www.kerrvilletx.gov](http://www.kerrvilletx.gov).

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